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### Quick Facts

- Steveda Chepko, chair of the Department of Physical Education, Sport, and Human Performance, is the recipient of NASPE's Joy of Effort Award.
- Chepko will receive the award at the March 29-April 2 American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance convention in San Diego, Calif.



Steveda Chepko

ROCK HILL, S.C. - Professor **Steveda Chepko**, chair of the Department of Physical Education, Sport, and Human Performance, will receive the prestigious Joy of Effort Award at the national convention of the **American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance** March 29-April 2 in San Diego, Calif.

**Chepko** earned the honor, a National Association for Sport and Physical Education award, for her service, dedication and commitment to improving physical education and sport. Her efforts have "have personified the concept that the effort made to enrich the goals and objectives of physical education and sport is a labor of love, inspired by commitment and dedication," according to NASPE President Lynn Couturier of State University of New York-Cortland. **Chepko** will receive the award at the **NASPE Hall of Fame banquet** on April 1 at San Diego's Hilton Bayfront Hotel.

**Chepko** has held many professional leadership positions including president of both Vermont and South Carolina AHPERD as well as the Eastern District AHPERD. She serves currently as the **NASPE** board representative to the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education. A distinguishing achievement of **Chepko's** professional service has been the development of materials that engage practitioners and reflect best practices in the field. She served as chair of the task force to revise the Initial Physical Education Teacher Education Standards, as co-chair of the EDA Guidelines and Assessments project and as a member of the task force for Guidelines for Pre-School Physical Education. Her service extends well beyond these examples to numerous state- and district-level committees.

**Chepko's** commitment to education has been recognized with many honors, including the EDA Honor Award and selection as a Fellow in the North American Society of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, Sport and Dance. She also has been a productive scholar, publishing work in both physical education and women's sport history. Recognized for her work in history, **Chepko** was selected as the visiting scholar for Smith College's celebration of 100 years of women's basketball. Her long list of presentations includes keynote engagements and selection as the Memorial Lecturer for Eastern District AHPERD.

A graduate of West Virginia University with a bachelor's degree in physical education and library science, **Chepko** received her doctorate of education in sport history curriculum and instruction from Temple University in Philadelphia, Pa.

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